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<u>SB1330</u>: on-site ballot tabulation; containers Sponsor: Senator Mesnard, LD 13 Caucus & COW

Overview

Replaces the term *drop box* with *ballot box* or *container* in specified circumstances.

History

Laws 2022, Ch. 271, § 4 establishes procedures and requirements for the on-site tabulation of voted early ballots. Specifically, an official *drop box* is established for voters who don't provide identification to deposit their voted early ballots in the affidavit envelope. Another clearly labeled *drop box* is established for completed empty affidavit envelops for electors providing who provide proper identification and opt to have their voted early ballot tabulated on-site at an on-site tabulation location.

The 2023 EPM specifies a ballot drop-off location or *drop-box* must be clearly and visibly marked and in a secure location, such as inside or in front of a federal, state, local, or tribal government building. The County Recorder or officer in charge of elections must publicly post a list of drop-off locations and *drop boxes*. Ballots retrieved from a ballot drop-off location or *drop-box* must be processed in the same manner as ballots-by-mail (2023 EPM P. 71).

Provisions

- 1. Replaces the term *drop box* with *ballot box* for voting locations that allow for the on-site tabulation of ballots. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Changes the term *drop box* to *container* for boxes where empty ballot affidavit envelopes are deposited during the on-site tabulation process. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Makes a technical change. (Sec. 1)

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